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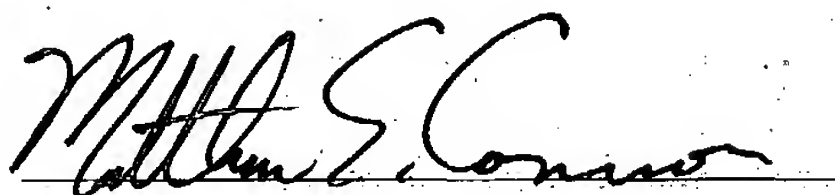
12.(Amended) A male part according to claim 11, wherein the grooves are separated by means of a projection/flange having a diameter being larger than the diameter of said first groove.

### REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted in order to conform the claims to U.S. patent practice.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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## MARKED UP CLAIMS AS AMENDED

### CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A mounting stop at axially displaceable male-female couplings to prevent involuntary release of the coupling, [characterized in that it comprises] comprising a recess [2] arranged to be placed in a first position around a shaft [32] and to be displaceable radially sidewise above said shaft [32] to a second position, and [that it comprises] at least one stop lug [6, 7; 9; 10] arranged, in said first position to be applied into a groove [34] and thereby to prevent an axial displacement of said male-female coupling parts towards each other, whereby the mounting stop [1] further is arranged to return to its first position in an automatic way.
2. (Amended) A Mounting stop according to claim 1, wherein the recess [2] of the mounting stop [1] on its one side [4] has a diameter corresponding to the diameter of the shaft part [33] over which it is intended to be placed in a first position and wherein the recess [2] of the mounting stop [1] on its other side has a diameter which is less than the diameter of the shaft part [33] over which it is intended to be brought in a second position, whereby the differences in diameters between the recess parts (4, 5) allows for the mounting stop [1] to return to its said first position in an automatic way.
3. (Amended) A Mounting stop according to [one or more of the preceding claims 1-2] claim 1, wherein the mounting stop [1] is provided with two stop lugs [10] arranged to said latch [1] via a lug shaft [9].
4. (Amended) A mounting stop according to [one or more of claims 1-3] claim 1, wherein the mounting stop [1] is provided with a slot [8].
5. (Amended) A mounting stop according to claim 4, wherein the slot [8] is arranged between the lugs shafts [9] of two stop lugs [6, 7; 9; 10].
6. (Amended) A mounting stop according to claim 4, wherein the slot [8] is arranged on the side of the mounting stop [1] facing said stop lugs [6, 7; 9; 10].

7.(Amended) A mounting stop according to [one or more of claims 1-6] claim 1, wherein the lug units [10] of the stop lugs [6, 7] are arch shaped to said groove [34] corresponding to the radius/periphery of said groove.

8.(Amended) A Mounting stop according to [one or more of claims 1-7] claim 1, wherein the recess [2] of the mounting stop [1] on its side [5] having a diameter being smaller than the diameter of the shaft part [33] over which it is intended to pass over to a second position, is provided with a radially extending projection [11].

9.(Amended) A mounting stop according to [one or more of claims 1-8] claim 1, wherein the lug units [10] of the stop lugs [6, 7] are provided with a chamfering [12] on its side surface facing a groove [34].

10.(Amended) A mounting stop according to [one or more claims 1-8] claim 1, wherein the lug units [10] of the stop lugs [6, 7] are provided with a radius [12] on its side surface facing a groove [34].

11.(Amended) A male part at couplings using male-female coupling parts arranged to be brought together to a tight, dismountable coupling, [characterized in that it comprises] comprising at least two peripherally running grooves [33, 34] of which a first groove [33] is intended to receive a mounting stop [1] according to [one or more of claims 1-10] claim 1, and a second groove [34] intended to receive at least one stop lug [6, 7; 9; 10] arranged to said mounting stop [1].

12.(Amended) A male part according to claim 11, wherein the grooves [33,34] are separated by means of a projection/flange [35] having a diameter being larger than the diameter of said first groove [33].